

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(S). 380 OF 2020

DEVIKA CHOPRA

...APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

PARVATI CHOPRA

...RESPONDENT(S)

ORDER

- 1.** Heard learned counsel for the appellant. Perused the material placed on record.
- 2.** The instant appeal arises from an Order dated 25-1-2019 passed by the High Court of Delhi, dismissing the Miscellaneous Petition filed by the appellant seeking quashing of the proceedings of the complaint under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 filed by the respondent herein.
- 3.** The challenge to the proceedings is based on a plea that the complaint was beyond limitation.
- 4.** However, we find that the averments made in the complaint disclose a continuing cause of action. Even otherwise, the last incident of domestic violence with the complainant was in September,

2012 and the complaint was filed in December, 2012 thereby it was filed well within limitation.

5. Thus, leaving the appellant at liberty to raise all objections before the competent Magistrate in the Enquiry proceedings under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, the instant Appeal is dismissed as being devoid of merits.

6. Consequent upon the dismissal of the Appeal, stay order granted by this Court on 12-7-2019 stands vacated.

7. The learned Magistrate shall expedite the proceedings of the complaint.

8. Pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

.....**J.**
(SANDEEP MEHTA)

.....**J.**
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

NEW DELHI
26TH JUNE, 2025.

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SECTION II-C

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

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Date : 26-06-2025 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
(PARTIAL COURT WORKING DAYS BENCH)

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. The appeal is dismissed, in terms of the signed order.
2. Pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(VISHAL ANAND)

ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANJU KAPOOR)

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed Order is placed on the file)